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***FATHER-SON TEAM PLEADS GUILTY
TO FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES CHARGES***

Lisa Godbey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced that **BRODERICK JOHN DASS, 48**, and his son, **BRANDON DASS, 19**, who were charged in an eighteen count indictment with multiple violations of federal firearms and explosives statutes, false statements to law enforcement, and illegally entering military property, entered guilty pleas today in U.S. District Court in Savannah.

The charges in the indictment stemmed from five separate but related events: the arrest of the Dass's on Ft. Stewart on July 17, 2004; the subsequent re-arrest of the Dass's on July 21, 2004, on a federal criminal complaint alleging multiple federal firearms violations in connection with their arrest on July 17; the explosion which occurred in a Savannah garbage dumpster in the early morning hours of July 22, 2004; the subsequent search of the Dass's home which lead to the recovery of a large cache of weapons; and, the discovery of an AT-4 anti-tank warhead under their home after police responded to the report of a burglary on August 9, 2004.

At the guilty plea hearing held before U.S. District Judge B. Avant Edenfield, **BRODERICK DASS** pled guilty to one count of possession of sixteen firearms and related ammunition as a convicted felon, and one count of possession of seven stolen military explosives, including grenades and a 84mm AT-4 High Explosive Anti-Armor Warhead. He faces up to 20 years imprisonment and a \$500,000 fine.

BRANDON DASS pled guilty to one count of possession of an illegal machine gun, and faces up to 10 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. Each count also carries a term of supervised release and a special assessment. A sentencing date has not yet been scheduled..

The investigation was conducted by agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Chatham-Savannah Metropolitan Police, explosive ordinance specialists from Ft. Stewart, the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division, and the Savannah Fire Department. The lead prosecutor representing the United States is Assistant U.S. Attorney Darrin L. McCullough in Savannah.

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